(d) to (f) Do not arise.

(g) Officers belonging to SC & ST community are being considered and sent for training abroad alongwith others every year in accordance with the guidelines on the subject.

Inquiry into CLUSA/CIDA Oilseed Projects of NDDB

1192. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the productivity in CLUSA projects has not increased in the earmarked districts due to NDDB's indulgence in Market Intervention Operations and taking over of 2 dilapidated vegetable oil factories at Bhavnagar and Surat at huge cost from private owners;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Bhavnagar oil factory project was acquired by NDDB despite written instructions of the Ministry of Agriculture and if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct inquiry in the entire CLUSA/CIDA oil seed projects of NDDB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): and (b) National Dairy Development Board is implementing the Project "Restructuring Edible Oil, Oilseeds, Production and Marketing" from July 1979 with the assistance from the Cooperative League of USA (CLUSA) and Cooperative Union of Canada (CUC) through Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The production and productivity of oilseeds in the Project States have substantially increased. However, there have been fluctuations because of variations in seasonal conditions as oil seeds are primarily grown under rainfed conditions.

NDDB has been appointed as the Market Intervention Agency by the Government of India for a period of five years from 1-4-89, to carry out market intervention operation in edible oils/oilseeds.

Bhavnagar Vegetable Oil Product Unit (in liquidation at that time) was taken over by NDDB in 1981 to benefit oilseed producers in the area. The management was handed over to NDDB under the orders of the High Court of Gujarat. The NDDB has not taken over any plant at Surat.

NDDB took over the Bhavnagar Vegetable Oil Product Unit as part of their Vegetable Oil Project which was approved by Government of India.

(c) Question does not arise.

World Bank Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for Development of Fisheries

1193. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sent a proposal for World Bank assistance for the development of fisheries in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An FAO/World Bank Project Preparation Mission has prepared a draft project report on Brackishwater and Inland Fisheries Development in a few selected States including Andhra Pradesh. An FAO/World Bank Mission is presently in India for finalising the Project Report which will be appraised by a World Bank Project Appraisal Mission in June, 1991.

Prices of Sugar

1194. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what are the percentages of the components of cane price, purchase tax, wages and the taxes of the Centre and the States which have contributed to the price risk of sugar between the years of 1980 and 1990?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): The all-India average cane price based on the Statutory Minimum Cane Price has increased by about 76 per cent during the period from 1980-81 to 1989-90. The average purchase tax, cess, etc. levied on cane by various State Governments increased by about 38 per cent on all-India basis while Central Taxes viz. excise duty and cess on sugar have increased by about 38 per cent during the aforesaid period. Since wages are included as part of overall conversion cost, it is not possible to assess its exact impact.

Stock of ground nut oil NDDB

1195. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the stock of ground nut oil with NDDB as on the 1st August, 1990 and at what rate it was purchased from the market;

(b) the profit earned by the N.D.D.B. during the year 1990 from ground nut oil only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) (a) Since edible oil is known to be a speculative commodity, it is not considered expedient in the public interest to inidcate detals regardng the quantty of oilseeds and oils purchased by NDDB.

(b) For the year ending 31st March, 1990 NDDB has incurred a net loss in purchase and sale of groundnut oil.

Financing of Housing Schemes

1196. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News item published in the Hindu dated 3.11.1990, Madras Edition about the non-utilization of the credit from Germany for financing the housing schemes; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Rs. 30 crores German Credit for housing finanance given to Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) was largely unused because the monthly income ceiling for the economically weaker sections has been fixed very low and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. As per the agreement with Government of India and KREDITANSTALT FUR WIEDERAUFBAU (KFW) of Germany and HDFC, the line of credit of DM 25 million equivalent to 30 crores is to be drawn fully only by December, 1993. The total amount disbursed by HDFC is Rs. 2.24 crores against 12 projects.

Electrification of railway routes

1197. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are speeding up electrification of a number of railways routes in view of the scarcity of petroleum products;

(b) if so, whether any comprehensive policy has been framed in this regard:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the routes which are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) to (c) Electrification is a continuous process and Electrification Projects are identified on techno economic consideration with the approval of Planning Commission.

(d) At present, electrification of the following routes are in progress:—

(i) New Delhi-Madras (*via* G.T. route). The gap section from Itarsi to Nagpur.

(ii) Howrah-Bombay (*via* Nagpur), The gap section from Gondia to Nagpur.